

Honorable Victor L. Russo  
House of Representatives  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Russo:

Thank you for your letter of 26 February 1951 requesting our views on H. R. 4786. To provide for the establishment, under the National Science Foundation, of a National Science Academy.

Federal programs which would encourage study in scientific fields by offering incentives to your men and women, by establishing suitable salary levels for trained scientists and by providing better facilities and equipment for scientific study, are objectives which I feel are desirable. However, specific recommendations as to how these objectives can best be attained would be outside the jurisdiction of our organization.

I point out in passing, recalling your discussions with us regarding Soviet scientific advances, that the Soviet Academy of Sciences is considerably different from that proposed in H. R. 4786. The USSR Academy is concerned with scientific training in the more advanced areas, that is at the graduate, research level rather than in the undergraduate areas.

If we may be of further assistance concerning Soviet programs of this type, please do not hesitate to call on us.

Sincerely,

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